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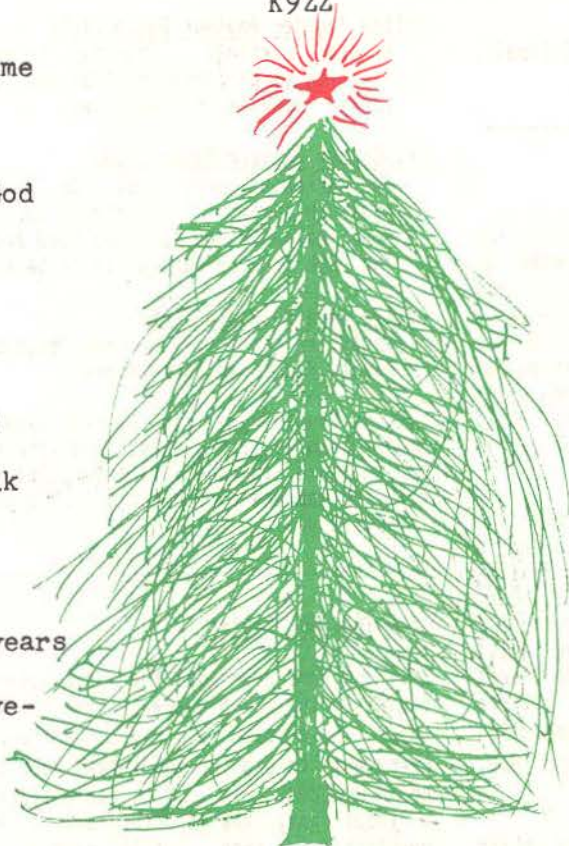
The Most Important Birthday of Them All

By Jim Romelfanger
K9ZZ

It's Christmas Time
A Day revered
When the Son of God
Appeared.

The Father kept
His promise then:
"My Son shall walk
Among All men."

And through the years
His truths survive-
Our faith today
Is still alive.



But do you live
The Saviour's word-
Or are you one
Who hasn't heard?

If after life
By Him you'll sit
Please don't be
A hypocrite.

Attend your church
On Christmas day,
And listen to
All Christians say

K9ZZ

"HAPPY BIRTHDAY, JESUS!"

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It is with great regret that we report that ARRL President Vic Clark, WAKFC passed away suddenly November 25th at his home in Virginia. He was very active in and worked hard for Amateur Radio and he will be missed greatly by his many friends.

ERRATA

The wrong call was listed for Silent Key Pat Caldwell, WB9YPZ, Rhinelander last month in BGSS.

SWAPFESTS AND OTHER SOCIAL EVENTS

The Madison Area Repeater Association will have its Holiday Party and get-together on Monday, December 5, 1984, at the Hilltop Inn, south of Cross Plains. It will get underway around 6 p.m., with a super din-din a little later. Any one is welcome. It's \$7.00 per plate. Please reserve in advance. Send your money to: MARA, P.O. Box 3403, Madison, Wis. 53704. Clyde tells me that he will do his hilarious "It's in the Book" routine... and Jogi Yorggesson, too. That alone is worth the dinner price!

The 12th Annual Midwinter Swapfest (the Original Waukesha Swapfest) sponsored by the West Allis Radio Amateur Club will be held on Saturday, January 7, 1984 at the Waukesha County Expo Center Forum. Starting time is 8:00 AM and admission is \$2.00 in advance or \$3.00 at the door. Tables are \$3.00 reserved until 11:00 AM or \$4.00 at the door (first come first served). Also featured is our delicious food. Directions: I-94 to Co. F, south to FT, west to Expo. For tickets or info write with S.A.S.E. to: WARAC, P.O. Box 1072, Milwaukee, WI 53201.

The Iri-County Amateur Radio Club will hold their annual Hamfest On March 18, 1984, at the Fairgrounds in Jefferson, Wisconsin. The 84 Hamfest is to have some changes:

- (1) Name changed from "Swapfest" to "Hamfest".
- (2) 1 1/2 hour happy time about 1:30 in the afternoon day of the Hamfest.
- (3) Added free parking.
- (4) Tables to be \$3.00 advance, \$4.00 at door and \$2.00 for space.

Note: Admission is still old price of \$2.50 advance and \$3.00 at door, same as last year. Advance registrations will be handled by Robert Barker, 724 Burdick St., Milton, Wisconsin 53563

As a service to our readers, this section of Badger State Smoke Signals is available without charge to list your upcoming Swapfest, Hamfest, dinner, picnic, party or other event of interest to Radio Amateurs in Wisconsin and nearby areas. Send information on your event to K9EN. In addition, space is available at attractive rates on our advertising pages and/or we can include your flyers. For information on rates and requirements please contact K9ZZ or K9EN.

CLUB MEETINGS:Fourlakes Amateur Radio Club:

December 3 through December 12: 1983 FLARC contest.
 For all FLARC members to work as many stations as possible during the contest time. For information contact Frank Holliday, WB9NOV.

Milwaukee Radio Amateurs Club:

Annual Christmas party - Thursday evening, December 8, 1983. (limited seating - reservations required)

Next regular meeting - Thursday January 12, 1984. Visitors are welcome, and a special invitation is extended to all members of the ARRL - we are the oldest affiliate of your League.

Yellow Thunder Amateur Radio Club:

Regular meeting: Thursday December 15, 1983.
 Election of officers for 1984 and annual Christmas party - details in YTARC news.

Tri-County Amateur Radio Club:

The Christmas party is set for "Randy's" Supper Club again this year. The date is Dec. 11, 1983 so mark your calendar now for good food and entertainment. The ARRL Section Manager is to be their guest.

Kettle Moraine Radio Club:

Christmas party will be held December 10th.
 Family Fisheriee in February.

Let us know of your club meeting dates and we will let others know of your meetings and activities. There may be Amateurs in your area interested in joining your club or members of other clubs interested in making an interclub visit.

from The ARRL Letter

Only one word describes the media attention to Amateur Radio During the Grenada crisis -- incredible! Newspaper, television and radio reporters looked to ham operators to provide the latest word on what was going on in Grenada. If a TV or radio station couldn't find a local ham, the reporters called ARRL Hq. Headquarters, in turn, got the reporter a contact with League officials in the field. The League's public information network of volunteers had their hands full, but from all indications performed well.

One of the questions that came up, however, was to what extent the Radio Amateurs should allow a reporter to "participate" in the monitoring. There were also some questions raised as to whether it would be proper to allow a reporter to talk over an Amateur Radio circuit directly with the station in Grenada. Other Radio Amateurs wondered whether it was proper for broadcasters to even retransmit the signals being monitored over the Amateur airwaves.

The FCC clarified the situation by issuing a Public Notice on Wednesday afternoon, October 26, stating that "Radio and television stations need not obtain prior authorization from the Federal Communications Commission before retransmitting Amateur (Ham) Radio transmissions." The notice explained further that while broadcasters were free to air the ham transmissions they were monitoring, they "must not become actively involved in the Amateur transmissions." In other words, the Commission did not want reporters conducting interviews over the air.

There were a few scattered reports of broadcast reporters applying pressure on hams to enlist them as a tool for some investigative reporting. For the most part, however, hams kept the media coverage in the proper perspective. Reporters were welcomed into ham shacks across the country, and they were free to monitor whatever contact the Radio Amateur had. It was not proper to conduct any solely media-initiated contact with Grenada, and most reporters didn't even ask. There was enough excitement to cover.

ARRL General Manager Dave Sumner, K1ZZ evaluated Amateur Radio participation in the Grenada crisis. Sumner said, "In general, on-the-air conduct was quite exemplary and the U.S. government is quite pleased and satisfied with the role played by the Amateurs."

Grenada (J3) is a small spice island in the Grenadines, off the coast of Venezuela. The island covers only 133 square miles and has a population of about 110,000. Grenada struggles with high unemployment and few resources. Its economy is based on tourism and food processing. Particularly cocoa, nutmeg, bananas and rice. The dominant languages are English and Creole.

Bob Mecum, KN9W, Madison, was the subject of a feature interview by WKOW-TV, channel 27, Madison. Bob was in contact with a friend in Grenada during the invasion by U.S. and Caribbean troops.

NEW FCC SCHEDULE ANNOUNCED

The Federal Communications Commission Chicago Office announces a major restructuring of its Chicago Administered Amateur Radio examinations. In a news release, FCC says:

Effective January 1, 1984, Commercial and Amateur Radio License Examinations will be given at Chicago, Illinois -- BY APPOINTMENT ONLY -- in accordance with the following schedule:

FEBRUARY 6 thru 10, 1984 Applications must be received no later than January 15, 1984

MAY 7 thru 11, 1984 Applications must be received no later than April 15, 1984

AUGUST 6 thru 10, 1984 Applications must be received no later than July 15, 1984

NOVEMBER 5 thru 9, 1984 Applications must be received no later than October 15, 1984

Applicants who file an acceptable application will receive, about one week prior to the examination dates, a notice specifying the place, date, and hour you are to appear for the examination.

EXAMINATIONS AT OTHER LOCATIONS IN THE CHICAGO REGION

Examinations will be given by appointment only at INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA during the months of JANUARY and JULY, 1984 and at LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY during the months of MAY and NOVEMBER, 1984. The exact dates for the examinations will be published when final arrangements have been made for the examination facilities.

Please note that, apparently, examinations will no longer be administered in Milwaukee. Note also the fact that exams in Chicago will require appointments. Previously, tests in Chicago were given two days a week on a walk-in basis. For your reference, here is the FCC's Chicago Field Operations Bureau address and Telephone numbers:

Federal Communications Commission
230 So. Dearborn St., Room 3940
Chicago, Illinois 60604

Telephone (312) 353-0195

Ed note: We hope to have information on the examination schedule for the St. Paul FCC office in time for this issue of Smoke Signals, but if we do not make it, we will have it in the January issue.

MISCELLANEOUS MISCELLANEOUS MISCELLANEOUS MISCELLANEOUS
Oh what the heck -- a few items of interest:

Milwaukee Radio Amateurs Club:

MRAC ANNOUNCES THAT: Mr. Bernard D. Moores, K9KLM, has applied for and been voted a Life Member by the Board of Directors. To become a life member of MRAC you must be at least 60 years of age and have been a member for at least twenty years continuously. Our congratulations to Bernie Moores!

MRAC has received a donation of \$15 for the Herbert F. Wareing Memorial Fund from Mr. & Mrs. William Lower of Waukegan, Illinois. Thanks.

The MRAC Herbert F. Wareing Memorial Fund has received a fine boost from Myrtle LaForce who is donating the complete station equipment of their (MRAC) late member Charles LaForce, KA9IVF. This modern equipment was on display at the Nov. 10th club meeting. Sale has been placed in the hands of Travis Baird, W9VQD, and interested persons should deal with him.

West Allis Radio Amateurs Club:

Tom Maton, K9BTQ, recently changed employers. After 20 years with Allen-Bradley, he now works with Marquette Electronics. There he joins another MRAC member, Mike Brower, WB9YDV. Good luck, Tom.

WARAC member Ron Hooker, WB9WBV, is stationed on the USS Tarama which is at or near Lebanon. If anyone should hear an Amateur station on that ship, call Ron's dad (Ron, K9WTF) day or night (414) 662-3062.

Four Lakes Amateur Radio Club:

FLARC is the first and only club in Wisconsin to apply for Special Service Club status.

K9QXY has a new Kenwood TS-830S and WB9RNF has some new furniture.

KD9E/6 won first place in the San Diego Section in the ARRL Phone DX Contest.

Congratulations are in order for Mike Layman W9DA. Mike recently retired from Oscar Meyer after 27-years of service.

Don, KC9JP has 204BAS up for 20 meters.

Joel, N9CPW has a new Kenwood TR-7950 and a TR-2500

Congratulations to KM9W, who received an award from the Milwaukee Sentinel for the communications he provided for their Bike-a-Thon.

Kettle Moraine Radio Association:

The 1983-1984 KMRA officers are:

K89DZ	Mike	President
WA9ZYL	Dave	Vice-President
WB9LLZ	Sandy	Treasurer
KC9BY	Ed	Secretary
WB9LJW	Bob	Board Member
N9KS	Ken	Board Member
WB9HCO	Paul	Board Member
K1TMM	Bruce	Board Member

Upcoming for KMRA at the November meeting is a program on the fine art of FOX HUNTING which will be presented by Bob, K9OSC and Rich, K9AO. Antennas, equipment, attenuators, techniques & tricks will be discussed. Other events upcoming are the Christmas Party Dec. 10th and the second annual WB9LLW & Family Fisherisee sometime in February.

Thanks to HANATEUR CHATTER (Milwaukee Radio Amateurs Club), HANTRIX (West Allis Radio Amateurs Club), FEEDLINE (Four Lakes Amateur Radio Club) and KETTLE DRUMS (Kettle Moraine Radio Association) for the above items.

Ed note: We would like to include news of your club and its members in Smoke Signals. If your club has a newsletter, we would like to exchange papers with your club. If you do not have a bulletin, we will still welcome any news you wish to send us. Exchange papers (and any other news items) should be sent to K9ZZ (address on page 2). Also let us know who you want us to send Smoke Signals to. Other Amateurs and clubs are interested in what you are doing.

If your club does not have a regular bulletin and would be interested in a regular column or page in Smoke Signals, We would be most happy to serve you. Please contact K9EN (address on page 2) for special rates available to clubs.

TRACES OF ANCIENT 20 METER BAND UNEARTHED From GEARVAKf Bulletin

As the result of a "hush-hush" archeological project carried out in the Sub-Saharan nation of Afrodesia, the world's oldest fossil record of the 20 meter band has been discovered intact in a dry river bed north of the Afrodesian capital city of Capital. According to Chief Archeologist Dr. Ordovician K. Trilobite, of the well-known National Topographic Society, tests using radio-carbon dating have proven beyond doubt that the 20 meter band is far older than the earliest known crystal sets. This stunning scientific discovery has given GEARVAKf's "Theory of Ham Evolution," by Karl Sparx, a serious setback.

--M. Dennis

ASCII V INVENTED BY DR. ACE MCCOOL From GEARVAKf Bulletin

Development of a new method of digital communications was announced today by Dr. Ace. McCool, Pres., Enon/GEARVAKf Mound Labs. Working under the direction of Dr. McCool was the famous "D" team of Dr. Feele Good, Dr. Con Edison, Dr. Clem Clapsaddle, Dr. Biff Beachwood and Dr. Jay Gargle. The new digital method involves attaching wires from a high voltage modulator to the operator's digits, when suspended over a typewriter keyboard to print out the message. Keyshift is done by a voltage impulse to the pad on the operator's chair seat. Further announcements on the ASCII V Transmission method are expected shortly. The project code name is "Project Fifth Gear." (NBCCR)

FROM WESTLINK REPORT

Next Teleconference

The December 1st, North American Radio Teleconference Radio Net, will offer "The Amateur Space Program" hosted by AMSAT President-elect Vern Riportella, WA2LQQ. "Rip" will discuss and answer questions about Amateur satellites, space technology, space missions and future role that AMSAT and Amateur Radio will play there. The NCS will be Jeff Brennan, WB4NLW, of the Honeywell and AMRAD Amateur clubs of Washington, D.C. The net will convene at 7:30 pm, CST and over 100 repeaters are expected to be on-line for the event.

Ed note: The net is expected to be on the following Wisconsin repeaters: Milwaukee, 147.13, Wausau, 146.28, and Madison 146.76. There may be others of which BSSS is unaware at this time. -- k9zz

Another WARC?

Third world displeasure with the outcome of WARC 79 could lead to another World Administrative Radio Conference being held as early as 1990. One of the concerns of these emerging nations appears to be the amount of spectrum granted to the Amateur Service which many governments fear gives access to radio communications to dissidents. Reports by League and International Amateur Radio Union (IARU) officers told of comments from highly placed ITU sources to the effect that a new conference that many demanded that could have an adverse impact on worldwide Amateur Radio frequency allocations and could lead to the total abolition on various forms of citizen radio (CB) communications.

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WISCONSIN NETS

NET	WNA	FREQ	UTC	LOCAL CST	MANAGER
BWN	YES	3984	1200Z	0600	WD9IID
BEN	YES	3985	1800Z	1200	WB9ESM
WSBN	YES	3985	2330Z	1730	K9ANV
WRN	YES	3723	0000Z	1800	KA9HPQ
WSSN	YES	3645	0030Z	1830	KC9CJ
WIN-E	YES	3662	0100Z	1900	W9YCV
WIN-L	YES	3662	0400Z	2200	K9LBU
XPO	NO	3925	1831Z	1231	WA9YVC
NWTN	YES	.34/.94	0030Z	1830	N9BDL
WCNTN	YES	.31/.91	0030Z	1830	N9AUG
GR.BAY	NO	.72/.12	THU 0245Z	2045 WED	WB9NRK

EIGHT FROM LATE

Denny Rybicki, K9LBU, RM Late WIN
2332 Park Lane
New Holstein, WI 53061

An Age of Wisdom. An Age of Foolishness

It is the best of times. It is the worst of times. And we have a Dickens of a time trying to exercise our hobby in an age of computers and modern technology. Certainly, ham radio has a place for everyone in its state of confusion. Experimenters, observers, talkers, and listeners may all find room in our truly democratic hobby.

As the science of radio progresses, it is only fitting that we show no resistance to keeping ourselves current. Sure, we should know more. We should study advancements in theory, construction, and methods of communication—but we dare not lose the foundations upon which today's hobby is built. We must not forget our history or neglect to practice the skills which have served us so well.

Don't be an appliance operator. Do understand and learn all you can about the technical aspects of radio operation. Don't forget some of the basics in operating technique and skills. Do listen more than you transmit. Don't limit yourself to one activity or mode. Do some building or tinkering as well as operating. Do keep your CW skills in practice by checking into some CW nets. In fact, how about Late WIN?

WEST CENTRAL WISCONSIN TRAFFIC NET (WCNTN) 31/91

Larry Mittman, N9AUG
Rte. 5, Box 158
Eau Claire, Wis. 54703

Stats: Average QNI - 16.
Average QTC per session - 1.5.
Average QTR - 12 minutes.

We have 26 members, 5 of whom are Technicians, and 5 more ready to receive their certificates (about ready).

The Value and Advantages of 2-meter Traffic nets:

(1) Many Hams listen to the local or wide area coverage repeater. This provides an outlet for Traffic that could not normally be attained on HF. The majority

of those Hams that listen to 2-meters do not check into the HF nets.

(2) Technicians have 2-meter privileges and not HF phone, so they are able to handle traffic and learn good net operating procedures. They also learn how to be a Net Control Station so that when they upgrade, they will be able to move right into NCS duties on phone nets.

(3) Being NCS on 2-meters is easier than on 75 meters as it is easier to keep a well-controlled (directed) net without the mass confusion, chaos and doubling that sometimes occurs on 75 meters.

(4) You do not need much in the way of antennas and equipment to check into a 2-meter repeater.

(5) The 2-meter nets run for shorter period of time than HF nets.

(6) Many non-Hams have scanners and monitor repeaters. This gives us a very excellent method to obtain good public relations. The general public are made aware of the public service work that Hams do.

As an example, many local residents of Eau Claire listen exclusively to the Eau Claire repeater during times of severe weather alerts as they know they will get weather information and updates first from the Hams.

Suggestions on starting a 2-meter traffic net:

(1) One Ham who is well-versed on traffic handling and net operations should take it upon himself or herself to start a net on the local wide-area coverage repeater. The most important qualities this person should have are:

Persuasion (to convince everyone that a net is needed),

Perseverance (to stay with it when you are the only one on the net for 4 or more days in a row),

Conviction (when things are not going too well, to know that what you are doing is important) and

Patience (To maintain calmness and remain affable when everyone is doing everything wrong).

(2) Talk to 3 or 4 Hams who you know can access your repeater and try to get them to offer to help get going. Set a time for the net and call it at that time. A bit of advance publicity for the net will help.

(3) Run short training sessions (5 minutes at the most) on net operation and traffic handling as often as possible. Begin with the basics as lots of the Hams listening know nothing about traffic handling (and probably don't want to know anything, but assimilation sometimes works wonders.)

(4) Once you have the ball rolling and see that you have only 2 or 3 Net Controls for a daily operation, ask for volunteers to be NCS. The response will probably be absolute silence. Now is the time to go in person and ask the people who you

people, you will find that very few of them will turn you down. Psychology also plays an important part of a net manager's role.

(5) Develop a very structured procedure for net operation and have all the Net Controls follow it exactly. This allows for a very efficient net and aids newcomers in catching on to what is happening during net time.

(6) If you have any questions or problems getting your net started or need an outline on net procedures, contact N9AUG.

With this information, by next year at this time, we should see nets on all the wide area repeaters in Wisconsin that would be very beneficial to the distribution of traffic throughout Wisconsin. What better time than now to start a 2-meter net.

Many people are staying inside and do a lot of 2-meter listening.

Best wishes to all for a very happy and enjoyable holiday season and a very prosperous new year.

-73 de N9AUG

North Woods Traffic (NWTN)

Lee Andres N9BDL, NM
Rte. 1, 7600 Hwy. D, East
Lake Tomahawk, WI 54539

Usually net reports start out on a light note. This month, I am sorry to report, we have an announcement of a silent key: Patricia Caldwell, WB9YPZ, became a silent key at her home on October 27. Pat was the XYL of Jim, WB9YPV. All net members and their families will dearly miss Pat. That goes double for this NM and his XYL. Those of us who have met and knew Pat are richer for it. It is unfortunate for those of you who have never had that pleasure. Our sympathies go to Jim, their four daughters and five grandchildren. Our final 88 goes to you, Pat! (We will all miss Pat and our sincere sympathy to Jim and their family -- BSSS staff.)

The past two months were the fall monsoon season. A total of 11.12 inches of rain fell. This prompted more than the usual number of complaints from the net "Checker-inners".

One public service event was covered by the local Hams. A CROP WALK was held in early October and communications and transportation were provided by the Hams. The event started out under blue skies and ended under... You guessed it... thundershowers. Barb Bauman, XYL of Len, K9RNN, made the Red Cross vehicle available as a "Sag Wagon". At one point Bill, WD9CQF, had three young, damp and pooped children under one wing as he sat in the back seat. Norman Rockwell could have done a major work of art on the scene.

This month's numbers will cover just two months of the usual three. His Honor the Editor has requested the net scribes to stagger their pens so BSSS doesn't look like Jack Spratt one month and his YF the next. Your wish is our command, Jim.

	QNI	QTC	QTR
September	442	53	1023
October	425	43	1096

If you happen through the North Woods during the annual four-legged deer hunt, why not check into the NWTN? Each NCS keeps a half dozen eight point bucks tied up for just such visitors. I know this issue won't hit the streets until after the season is over, but the wardens don't care.

Food for thought for those who have a low calorie academic diet: How about a WANNAM award (Worked All Wisconsin Nets Association Nets) for checking into all the WNA nets in a given time period. That ought to drive the secretary bonkers. Back to point pondering next time.

73 de Lee, N9BDL, NWTN NM

Volunteer Examiners

Before its holiday recess, Congress took favorable action on the legislation needed to permit volunteer examiner coordinators to recoup expenses. The Legislation, H.R. 2755 (the FCC authorization bill), is on its way to the President for his signature. The ARRL will continue to make efforts to secure FCC rulemaking to implement expense recoupment for volunteer examiner coordinators, and that language for the agreement between ARRL and FCC would continue to be developed.

Inventor of Printed Circuit to be honored from CQ magazine

The Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) Board of Directors has named Harry W. Rubinstein, ex-9EEV, of Milwaukee, WI as the recipient of the 1984 Cleo Brunetti Award. The Award, which recognizes Rubinstein's early contributions to radio technology, carries the following citation: "For early key contributions to the development of printed components and conductors on a common insulating substrate." Simply, Rubinstein invented the printed circuit!

Heartiest congratulations, OM on this well-deserved recognition of your achievements!

Silent Key

from HANTRIX (West Allis Radio Amateurs Club)

It is with deep regret that we report that Fred C. Maier, W9GRK, became a "Silent Key" Saturday evening, October 29. Fred, for the past year was our (WARAC) Secretary.

Although an Amateur since about the early '40s and a member of WARAC since its early days, Fred was not, of late too active on the bands until about five years ago. With a little coaxing from Ollie, W9FJE and myself, Fred got back on the air -- starting with 2 meter FM -- and got more active in the club again.

Les Peterson, W9YCV

YELLOW THUNDER AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

The gathering of the happy VTARC clan was held November 16 in room 34 of the Baraboo Civic Center in Baraboo. The following faithful were there:

Ken Ebner, K9EN, Portage
 Bill Hommel, KA9QFJ, Baraboo
 Duane Grotophorst, KA9HKL, Sauk City
 Elwyn Harris, W9YPP, Prairie du Sac
 Harry Mayland, K9FFT, Baraboo
 Bob King, KA9GNY, Baraboo
 Jim Decker, W89UQT, Baraboo
 Paul Amend, KA9QBP, Portage
 Ken Johnson, K9DZG, Mazomanie
 Art Kleefisch, W9WSS, Baraboo
 Jim Romelfanger, K9ZZ, North Freedom (proxy)

The meeting was begun at 1940 with the Official Pounding of the VTARC Official Gavel by our prexy, Bob King, KA9GNY.

Minutes of the October meeting were approved. Jim Decker, W89UQT, the Official Treasurer, reported a balance of \$441.30 at meeting time.

It was announced that Charter Member Gerald von Klein, WA9GYF/VE1AYJ, has passed away. The club sent a memorial check to Gerry's widow Milli. K9ZZ also sent a card on the club's behalf.

Our newest member was put to the vote and ayes were unanimous. He is Paul Amend, KA9QBP. Paul lives in Portage where he attends school.

No old business came before the group assembled.

Under new business, a discussion of the sales tax on raffles was held. The state of Wisconsin slid one by, with the state now wanting a 5% sales tax on all raffle tickets sold. We are supposedly to pay the tax on all of our tickets which were sold after September 1. How??? We only recently received notice to that effect. The tickets were not kept separately. "To Dream the Impossible Dream???" (see item elsewhere this issue.)

Nomination of 1984 officers:

There was no report received from the nominating committee. The president declared the nominations open and the following were nominated from the floor:

President: Bill Hommel, KA9QFJ
 Art Kleefisch, W9WSS

Vice President: Duane Grotophorst, KA9HKL

Secretary: none

Treasurer: Jim Decker, W89UQT

Other nominations are sought and can be made from the floor at the December meeting prior to balloting for the candidates. If you nominate someone, ask them first. They will know of your intent to nominate them and will tell you whether or not they would be willing to accept office.

Buck Nite was \$6.00. K9ZZ won it, but he wasn't there. (I'm still crying - k9zz).

A motion was passed to transfer part of the raffle receipts to the reserve funds. \$180.00 was stashed in the Equipment Reserve Fund and \$60.00 was put in the General Reserve Fund. That comes to 75% of the budgeted amount. It is anticipated that additional transfer will be available at the end of year from the operating surplus for 1983.

Meeting adjourned. The program was given by Ken, K9EN. Ken went over some of the hundred or so types of resistors, and had samples of many types on display. The program was well received and met with little or no resistance. Ken sez he could probably have gone on for much longer, but he finally looked at the calendar on the wall and decided enuf was enuf. It was a goodie an all seemed to enjoy it. No body will ever impede Ken's progress - or yours, either! k9zz

Sentence Sermon:

Christmas is not a time or a season, but a state of mind to cherish peace and good will.

-- Calvin Coolidge

A Hearty welcome to VTARC's newest member, Paul Amend of Portage. Paul has been licensed since July of 1982. Paul is a member of our ARRL. Why did he come aboard? "Sample copies of BSSS, meetings." He works 80, 40 and 10 and his favorite modus operandi is cw. traffic handling and QRD CW are his most-liked Amateur Radio Activities. (It's unconfirmed, but gossip has it that a traffic cop visited him and gave Paul's fist a ticket for speeding.) He uses a Swan 350 or a Ten-Tec Century 21 and squirts r.f. with an 80-meter inverted vee. Hobbies? "Schoolwork (if you can call it that) and homebrewing". Glad to have you in the club, Paul. Velkommen.

Gerry von Klein, WA9GYF/VE1AYJ, became a Silent Key during November. He was a Charter Member of VTARC and has been a member for all 14 years of its existence. He was not only a club supporter but a supporter of Ham Radio. He was active on the traffic nets in and around the Badger State. He was a quiet person, the kind of person who, when a need was seen or a change needed to be made, did it, with no fanfare, just with stout determination and hard work. He leaves behind his wife Milli and several grown children. We all will surely miss Gerry. If you would care to send Milli and the family a card, the address is: The Gerald von Klein Family, 1326 Winnebago Street, La Crosse, WI 54601.

The December VTARC Meeting will be Thursday, December 15 in room 34 of the Baraboo Civic Center at 2nd and Ash Streets. On tap: Annual election of officers. Come and have a say in the leadership of your club in 1984. Also...our annual Holiday Party...share several chunks of a tasty cake, have some soda or milk...and enjoy! Please bring a gift costing \$2.50 or less for a gift exchange. Plan now to be there and plan now to have a good time then. See ya there! k9zzzzzz k9zz

TAFFLE RICKETS...A State Senator from Crandon has announced his intention to introduce a Bill in the State Senate to repeal the five percent sales tax on raffles. He said in essence that the administration of the tax would cost the state more than the revenue it would

receive. He also indicated that the money which would go to the state could be better used by the organizations conducting the raffles.

(A representative of the Wisconsin Department of Revenue in the Baraboo area tells us the sales tax repeal regarding raffles will "never make it" through the Legislature.)

k9zz

ARRL BULLETIN NR 112 from ARRL Headquarters

Effective immediately, a temporary third party traffic agreement is in effect between the United States and Grenada, J3. This agreement expires December 10, pending the negotiation of a permanent agreement. Monitor WIAW for a further bulletin.

A Letter from Roy Neal, K6DUE

Hi Jim:

Through your good auspices, I'd like to thank the Yellow Thunder Club for the high honor of membership and commendation. It's deeply appreciated.

I think you know that what I've done for Amateur Radio is a sheer delight...combining my way of life (Amateur Radio included since I was 13) with my profession as a broadcaster for more than 40 years.

But there is a certain amount of work and dedication also required. For that, I say thank you for the appreciation.

There also are several dozen people who are part of each production and many of them work as hard or harder. They don't ask for or receive recognition but it's good to know that there are such dedicated folk to keep the Amateur Service healthy.

Incidentally, I still enjoy Badger State Smoke Signals. You do good work.

Hello to all...and ----

73, Roy Neal, K6DUE

Milli von Klein (xyl of Gerry von Klein, WA9GYF)
La Crosse, Wisconsin
November 22, 1983

Dear Jim:

Thanks for your letter and the kind words you wrote about Jerry. Ja, it is hard to believe he is gone. His radio gear is silent, I can't hardly go down in to the basement and walk past his station. His pencil on the pad ready to copy etc. His bass just lays in his studio too, never to be picked up by him and played. He practiced every day until his strength gave out.

The last 3 week I had him here at home and took care of him day and night, The least I could do for all he had done for me in the 30 plus years we were married.

We really had such high hopes Jerry would beat this cancer but I guess we were the dreamers. In a way I am glad I believed he would get well, This way I could keep my spirits up and his too.

Jerry really enjoyed his hobby "hamming" and met a lot of nice people that way. We both enjoyed the get-togethers you Yellow Thunder People had and he looked up to its members.

I am trying to live my lonely life and trying to find some answers to all this. It will take time. Living with Jerry was never dull.

Sincerely,
Millie

Old McDonald

Five amateurs were appearing on a TV quiz show and they each were asked to complete this sentence: "Old McDonald had a"

"Old McDonald had an electronic keyer," answered the Novice class licensee.

"Sorry that is wrong," answered the host.

"Old McDonald had a 16 element 2-meter beam," answered the Technician licensee.

"Wrong," said the host.

"Old McDonald had a Collins station," said the General class Amateur.

"That too, is the wrong answer," said the MC.

"Old McDonald had a 2 KW amplifier," said the Advanced operator.

"That answer is also wrong," replied the host.

"Old McDonald had an antenna farm," said the guy with the Extra Class license.

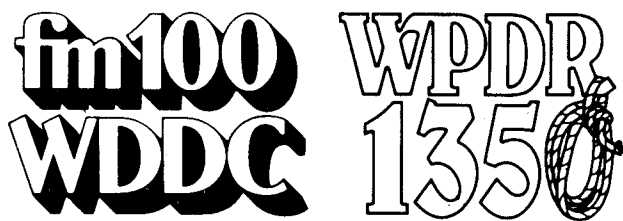
"You are right," yelled the host. "Now for \$100,000 and all of the above equipment, spell farm."

"Easy," said the extra, "E.I.E.I.O."

STS-9 has been successfully launched into orbit about the earth at the time this is being written. Many Wisconsin Amateurs are planning on listening to and attempting to have a QSO with Dr. Owen Garriott, WSLFL aboard the Shuttle Columbia. If you are successful in hearing or working WSLFL, BSSS would like to know what your results were. Please drop a card to K9ZZ (address on page 2) and let us know of your success. We will try to have a summary of Badger State activity next month. Best of luck to everyone trying. We will be in there trying with you.

Merry Christmass from the BSSS staff

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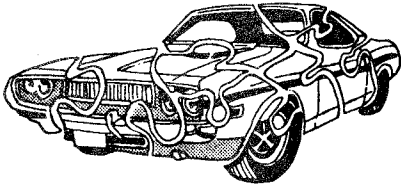
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